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GREAT CROWDS COME TO SEE BARNES SHOW

MANY BANDS AND FUNNY
CLOWNS IN BIG STREET
PARADE

CIRCUS HAS NEW FEATURES

Pink Lemonade, Toy Balloons,
Squackers, Pennants and Cans
Are Much in Evidence

Hundreds of people lined the sidewalks of Grants Pass this morning to witness the Al G. Barnes pageant of gaily caparisoned horses, beautifully adorned circus wagons, trained animals, funny clowns and a myriad of other attractions that invited and forecasted a splendid and thrilling program at the circus grounds. The Barnes circus has been in Grants Pass many times before, and has never failed to attract large crowds of people. It is the verdict of these people that Barnes has a more spectacular parade and a better show this year than on any of his previous visits.

Two side shows opened before the big show—every freak and curiosity was represented. The tall giant, the fat girl, lady with nine feet of hair, Flamingo wonder, Prince Ludwig the thinnest man on earth, and a hundred other things were all there. Red lemonade, balloons and all were in evidence. Then the big show, every specie of wild life was there—Elephants, camels, zebras, llamas, sacred cows of India, sea lions, seals, leopards, tigers, pumas, panthers, jaguars, dogs, monkeys, goats, pigs, ostriches, kangaroos and even a troupe of trained geese, all ready for their part of entertaining. A band of 60 pieces greeted you when you entered the big top, and funny clowns amused the crowds till the show began—and the show, Oh, Boy! Alice in Wonderland—well you can't describe it. It is one of the greatest conceptions of artistic creation imaginable. One hundred and ten varied animal features are given—each one a wonderful display of nerve and daring—and if you live to be as old as Methusalem you will never see a more wonderful, educational display—that brings old Father Noah and his Ark to your doors—Al G. Barnes has the greatest animal circus on earth.

Beside the thirty clowns, 110 wild animal features, 1200 wild and tame animals, over 200 performers and trainers which make Al G. Barnes name stand before the public as the greatest educator of wild animals on earth. Another performance will be given tonight. Doors open at 7 and performance at 8.

U. S. FEEDS RUMANIA, ROBBED BY GERMANS

Belgrade, Serbia, May 15.—"All Rumania is eating flour from America today. The people realize where the aid has come from and are exceedingly grateful. Without American help starvation certainly would have become very general." These are the words of Lieutenant Colonel H. Gideon Wells, American Red Cross commissioner to Rumania, who recently arrived at Belgrade from Bucharest.

Colonel Wells said the great bulk of the Rumanian food supply, including about 20,000 tons of flour monthly is furnished by the American food administration. It is sold in wholesale quantities to the government, which attends to all details of transport and distribution. Flour trains run continually from the port to the interior and have the right of way over all other transport.

OVER-CONFIDENCE AWAKENS AMERICA

Make Miserable Mess of Trying to
Produce 22,000 Airplanes in 12
Months—France Ahead

Washington, May 16.—Admission that both military and civilian experts over estimated the country's capabilities in setting out in 1919 "to accomplish the impossible task" of producing 22,000 airplanes in 12 months is made in the official history of the government's efforts to build up the industry, made public today by the war department. Realization of this error resulted almost immediately in the placing of contracts in France for 5,875 planes of the Spad, Nieuport and Breguet types.

The report shows that by May 23, 1918, American factories had delivered 5,270 planes, or 24 per cent of the ambitious program while the French had delivered 31 per cent of the number promised on that date. Up to November 11, a total of 11,364 airplanes had been produced in America, but these were largely training machines, fighting planes completed during the war period totaling only 3,328.

"Broadly stated," the history says, "the United States produced for her army alone in her second year of manufacture, as many airplanes as England produced for her army and navy in her third year."

CITY OF PORTLAND HAS \$30,000 FIRE

Portland, Ore., May 15.—Fire starting early today destroyed four kilns of the plant of the university shingle mill, causing a loss of \$30,000.

COLONEL HOUSE STIRS MESS WITH ENGLISH

London, May 15.—It was learned today in official quarters that Frank P. Walsh, Edward F. Dunne and Michael F. Ryan, representatives of Irish societies in the United States who have been visiting Ireland will not be received by Premier Lloyd George on their return to Paris nor will they be accorded any official or semi-official recognition. According to a Reuter's dispatch from Paris, Col. E. M. House, who had promised to endeavor to arrange an interview between the American delegates and the British premier, in view of their activities in Ireland, decided not to act as an intermediary.

Mr. Dunne and Mr. Ryan reached London last night. Mr. Walsh remained in Dublin and is expected here tonight.

Mr. Lloyd George has been subject to most bitter attacks for his alleged encouragement of the delegates' activities. Even a serious journal like the Spectator has gone so far as to assert that a "dangerous conspiracy" is afoot for committing the premier and the British government to virtual recognition of the Irish republic. Other newspapers complain of the fact that the delegates have fraternized with Sinn Fein leaders has given the Sinn Fein movement new life. The question has been asked what would be thought if a British delegation should visit the United States on a mission of a like character.

WOMAN RELEASED ON DEATH OF MAN IN JAIL

Portland, Ore., May 15.—Mrs. Marie Middleton was released from the murder charge, following the death in jail here of Eugene Tuck, who was generally accused of the slaying of Mrs. Tuck, who died of a gunshot wound in the Tuck home where Mrs. Middleton was a guest.

GERMAN DELEGATES WILL TRY TO IMPROVE TERMS

Wilson to Make Brief Address to Congress—Terms to
Austria Demand Disarmament of Skoda Works—Huns
Turned Down on Proposed Labor Legislation

Berlin, May 15.—On Wednesday von Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the German peace delegation, in communicating to other members of his delegation the text of the three notes he sent to Premier Clemenceau, pointed out that the peace treaty in its present form could not be signed because it is impossible to fulfill the terms. The German delegates, he said, must endeavor to improve the treaty and make signing by Germany possible.

Paris, May 15.—President Wilson has advised the cable companies that his message to congress at the special session will not be more than a few hundred words.

Paris, May 15.—The Austrian peace terms will probably be presented to the Austrian delegation next Wednesday. The terms, it is understood, require the dismantling of the famous Skoda armament works.

Paris, May 15.—The council of four today declined to consider the

+ NEW VICTORY FOR
+ KOLCHAK'S TROOPS +
+ Berne, May 15.—Troops of
+ Admiral Kolchak have captured
+ Samara, the Ukrainian Press
+ bureau reports.

+ ELMA POSTOFFICE
+ WRECKED BY ROBBERS +
+ Aberdeen, Wash., May 15.—
+ Robbers wrecked the safe of the
+ Elma, Wash., postoffice early
+ today and took \$1,000.

+ DIVORCED FROM WIFE,
+ WEDS YOUNG GIRL
+ Chicago, Ill., May 15.—Francis
+ Burton Harrison, governor general
+ of the Philippines, let it be known
+ today that tonight he will wed Miss
+ Elizabeth Wrenmore, aged 18 years,
+ of Berkeley, Cal. Harrison's wife
+ obtained a final decree of divorce at
+ San Diego today.

+ ISSUE CALL ON BANKS
+ Washington, May 15.—The
+ controller of the currency issued a call
+ today for the condition of all
+ national banks at the close of business
+ on May 12.

+ BARE LEGS FASHIONABLE
+ OVER IN GAY PAREE
+ Paris, May 15.—At the Long-
+ champs racing the first of the week,
+ which President Wilson and Colonel
+ House saw, the stockless fad was
+ launched. It is believed that bare
+ legs will prove popular, with silk
+ stockings costing \$10 a pair and up,
+ and so diaphanous they scarcely last
+ a day without tearing.
+ Recently actresses quit wearing
+ stockings at the theaters and leading
+ dressmakers sent mannequins to the
+ race track stockless. Owing to the
+ thinness of the fashionable
+ stocking, which is so sheer as almost
+ to be invisible, people had to look
+ twice to make sure the wearer was
+ not barelegged.
+ Low necked and armless gowns,
+ longer than formerly, marked the
+ first Sunday at Longchamps.

+ SEAPLANES WAIT ON
+ THE WEATHER MAN
+ Halifax, May 15.—The United
+ States seaplane NC-4, after returning
+ here from an earlier start for Tre-
+ passy, N. F., made a new start to-
+ day noon. Commander Towers said
+ the NC-1 and NC-3 might start to-
+ day for the Azores, although the
+ weather conditions were at present
+ unfavorable.

+ TEACHING BUSINESS MEN
+ TO REDUCE WAISTLINE
+ El Paso, Tex., May 15.—Walter
+ Williams has declared war on the
+ waistline. He has been an athletic
+ instructor at the army camps and,
+ not being chosen for service in
+ France, he has brought the war
+ home to the business men of the city
+ who are getting perfect 46 figures
+ in the region of the equator. Each
+ morning at 7 o'clock his class re-
+ ports for duty and Williams puts
+ them through an hour of fat reduc-
+ ing exercises which end with a swim
+ and a shower.

+ TWO PLANES START
+ ON OCEAN TRIP
+ Trepassy, N. F., May 15.—
+ The American navy seaplanes
+ NC-1 and NC-3 made the hop-
+ off from here shortly after 5 p.
+ m. on their flight to the Az-
+ ores.
+ St. Johns, N. F., May 15.—
+ The American naval dirigible
+ C-5 broke adrift this afternoon
+ and was carried to sea.
+ Trepassy, N. F., May 15.—
+ Both seaplanes after cruising
+ off the harbor for a short while
+ came back.

+ SIX DROWNED WHEN
+ COAL BARGE SINKS
+ Portsmouth, N. H., May 15.—Six
+ persons, including the captain's wife
+ and four children, were drowned to-
+ day when the coal-laden barge, Nan-
+ ticoke, owned by the Potter Trans-
+ portation company, sank off the Isle
+ of Shoals.

+ UNION LABOR STILL
+ FIGHTS FOR MOONEY
+ Chicago, May 15.—Officials of the
+ Chicago Federation of Labor an-
+ nounced today that the votes of or-
+ ganized American labor on the
+ "Mooney general protest strike pro-
+ gram" will be counted in public on
+ June 2 by the federal intervention
+ committee.

+ WHO'S GOT 'EM?
+ Kansas City, Mo., May 15.—Police
+ are searching high and low for two
+ \$100 Liberty bonds. Harold Luther
+ and Alton Cox attached the bonds
+ to their kites and the strings broke.

+ AIRSHIPS EFFECTIVE
+ IN DESTROYING MINES
+ London, May 15.—Sweeping up
+ the thousands of mines which strew
+ the seas in the neighborhood of the
+ British Isles has proved such a cost-
+ ly and dangerous job when carried
+ on by the ordinary methods, that the
+ admiralty has turned to the airship
+ for relief. Experiments conducted
+ in the North Sea, it is announced,
+ have been successful, mines being
+ located and exploded much quicker
+ than when the usual mine-sweeping
+ ship is used.

+ UNION MEN STRIKE,
+ 1000 HELP POLICE
+ Winnipeg, May 15.—Union work-
+ men walked out on a general strike
+ here today, following the failure of
+ the metal workers and employers to
+ adjust differences. A committee of
+ 1,000 citizens was formed to main-
+ tain order.

+ REDS FOUND ONLY
+ EMPTY CASH BOX
+ Manufacturers Who Could Not Fur-
+ nish Money Were Stood Up
+ Against Wall and Shot

+ WESTERN MAN
+ GIVES BIG SUM
+ TO METHODISTS
+ HEADS LIST WITH \$750,000 HALF
+ HIS FORTUNE, FOR CAUSE HE
+ THINKS WORTHY

+ MANY ANONYMOUS DONATIONS
+ \$7,501,588 Will Be Spent in China,
+ Which Country Is Raising \$865,-
+ 620—Northwest to Front

+ NEW YORK, May 15.—Headed by a
+ gift of \$750,000 from a western man
+ whose name was withheld at his re-
+ quest, reports of many large sub-
+ scriptions to the Methodist \$105,-
+ 000,000 centenary fund poured into
+ headquarters here today, although
+ the week of the intensive drive does
+ not begin until Sunday.

+ The anonymous giver is not a
+ Methodist. George M. Fowling, Cen-
+ tenary treasurer, said it was half
+ the giver's entire fortune.

+ "I went to him and told him that
+ I wanted a million dollars," said
+ Mr. Fowler.

+ "How much do you think I have?"
+ he asked.

+ I answered, "A million and a
+ half."

+ "Right," he said, "and you have
+ the nerve to ask me for two-thirds
+ of it."

+ "I took two hours then explaining
+ our whole program. At the end he
+ said 'The church for the first time
+ is really doing a big thing in a high
+ business-like way. We will compro-
+ mise on \$750,000.'"

+ Other campaign gifts include \$50,-
+ 000 from Mrs. Gustavus F. Swift of
+ Chicago; an anonymous gift of \$50,-
+ 000 from New England, and three an-
+ onymous gifts of \$25,000 each from
+ Baltimore.

+ President Chi Shi Chang, of China,
+ has contributed \$1,000; Premier
+ Chien \$500 and other Chinese offi-
+ cials lesser amounts.

+ The Centenary budget calls for the
+ expenditure of \$7,501,588 in China,
+ of which \$865,620 is to be raised
+ among the Chinese and the balance
+ in the United States.

+ Portland, Ore., May 15.—"With
+ more than 500 cities in the north-
+ west already reporting their Centen-
+ ary drive as completed, almost \$500,-
+ 000 of the \$2,600,000 allotted to the
+ northwest has been collected," an-
+ nounced Dr. A. L. Howarth, associ-
+ ate executive secretary for the Cen-
+ tenary movement for the northwest,
+ this morning.